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<p>The long-term nature of the COVID response and the number of EOC's required to be activated for this event necessitates EMBCs modification of the eligibility criteria for response events contained in the <i>Financial Assistance for Emergency Response and Recovery Costs</i> Guidance. This Supplement to Policy 5.13 establishes the <u>eligible components for the duration of this event based on the effective date</u> until the Provincial declaration is cancelled.</p>			
<i>Incremental costs associated with activating an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) including activities related to planning, implementation or monitoring of any specific response actions or measures directed by the Province of British Columbia through the Public Health Officer or Emergency Management BC, or by federal counterparts in collaboration with First Nations governments within the Province.</i>	Emergency Operation Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All overtime must be approved in advance by EAF. Overtime must be related to emergent requirements • EOC materials/supplies consumed for the COVID event. • Must provide substantiation for the need for an EOC to manage emergency requirements that cannot be met through regular community administration processes. • EOC meals: one meal per EOC staff residing within the EOC per operational period, not to exceed \$15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals for remote workers
<p><i>Incremental costs related to any actions required to support additional health capacity including the establishment of testing stations, isolation facilities or others that may be requested or directed by a health authority.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: With the development of fulsome plans to provide additional medical support to communities, it is</i></p>	Facilities support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable incremental cleaning (to meet Public Health Officer direction), security and support staffing costs for additional health capacity directed by a health authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non industry standard overtime • Regular wages or employee benefits • Does not apply to existing facilities that have not been redirected to a medical purpose
	Provision of facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental of a facility not owned by the local authority or First Nation, if no community owned facility is available, when approved by EAF • Rental of equipment/furniture as required by Health Authority and approved by EAF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of equipment/furniture • Rental of community-owned facilities are not eligible

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<p><i>expected that additional health capacity will be funded by Health.</i></p> <p><i>These provisions are important to ensure that should an emergent situation arise that is not considered in the developed pandemic plans, immediate action can be taken as prescribed by the appropriate Medical Health Officer</i></p>	<p>Changes to a facility required by Health Authority</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary changes to plumbing, electrical, or other facility systems and restoration to original condition when approved by EAF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent changes to facility systems • Permanent improvements
<p><i>Incremental costs related to the implementation of any Provincial measures to restrict activities, movement or other actions directed by the province, federal government or First Nation in collaboration with the applicable Health Authority to manage COVID-19.</i></p>	<p>Security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on recent guidance from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, the Province no longer requires medical health officers to authorize implementation of such checkpoints for First Nations communities. • EMBC and the Provincial Health Office continue to respect and recognize the rights of First Nations to determine when to implement measures to restrict access into communities as a measure to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. • The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) have made funding available for First Nations communities that communities can choose to apply towards security and checkpoints on a preventative basis, including through the Indigenous Community Support Fund, and that any provincial funding through EMBC will be incremental to that support. EMBC will continue to work in close partnership with the FNHA and ISC to coordinate the provision of this funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any time not approved in the EAF

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where a First Nation or local authority is responding to a COVID-19 occurrence that has been assessed by that First Nation or local authority as a significant risk to public health for their jurisdiction, inclusive of risk posed by COVID-19 cases in a neighboring community, costs associated with contracting personnel for staffing of public health checkpoints to monitor community closures/travel restrictions may be an eligible expense.• Eligible costs per checkpoint <u>must be pre-approved</u> by an Expense Authorization Form (EAF, and may include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Up to 2 contracted personnel per checkpoint up to 24 hours a day at a maximum rate of \$24.66/hour.○ Rental of temporary traffic control measures including cones, traffic barriers, temporary tent or light shelter, and appropriate personal protective equipment to support worker safety.○ Rental of portable toilets where no public or accessible private facility is located within a reasonable distance.• Expenses that support community safety measures including information officers for public education and signage to advise community members and travelers on the current COVID-19 situation and advise of existing community closures are also	

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		<p>eligible for reimbursement following EAF pre-approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EAFs that are submitted must articulate the overall plan for security checkpoints, including the total number of checkpoints, the staffing plan for each checkpoint and any additional expenses such as signage and information officers.• Reimbursements are limited to pandemic checkpoints within the jurisdictional boundary of the impacted community; for municipalities and regional districts as defined by the Local Government Act/Community Charter, and for First Nations to checkpoints located on reserves, as defined in section 2(1) of the Indian Act (Canada), modern treaty settlement lands, Tsilhqot'in title area lands, Sechelt lands administered according to the <i>Sechelt Indian Band Self-Government Act</i> (Canada), and Westbank lands administered by Westbank First Nation as defined in the agreement approved under the <i>Westbank First Nation Self-Government Act</i> (Canada). Checkpoints located on Provincial rights of way are not eligible for reimbursement, except where approved by the Province.• A State of Local Emergency will be required, in addition to EAF approval through relevant PREOC.• Eligibility will require pre-approval by EAF in 14-day increments. Additional 14-day extensions may be considered through communication with the	

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		relevant PREOC, based on a First Nation or local authority assessment of continued significant risk.	
<i>Incremental costs for the continuation of locally administered essential services. Included in local government and First Nations plans, essential services are considered critical to preserving life, health and basic societal functioning.</i>	Continuity of operations with an active EOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Backfilling essential positions where individuals are vital to fulfilling an EOC role. Must provide substantiation for the need for an EOC to manage emergency requirements that cannot be met through regular community administration processes. 	Contracting staff to fulfill all functions of local government
	Wages and overtime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incremental overtime for essential services, as defined by per contract or collective agreement terms and conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular salaries or straight time for current staff; benefits and taxes; and the incremental payroll expenses (when working outside of the deployment shift length guidelines are ineligible. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The regular salary or hourly wage expense associated with response activities Benefits, taxes and overhead or loading costs for current staff Overtime or double time incurred by employees working outside of the deployment/shift length guidelines Payroll expenditures not directly related to response activities (i.e. the backlog of regular work due to time spent working on the event)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overtime policies designed specifically to be in effect only during EMBC response eligible events ○ Use of contractors in place of existing internal staff capacity, except with an EAF
	Specialist workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracting of workers with specialist skillsets where those specialists are unavailable or do not have capacity within the local government or First Nation, approved by EAF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracting of medical services consultants and specialized consultants for business lines where Provincial experts exist, or a Provincial agency provides regulation
	Personal Protective Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations and local governments with approved EAFs from EMBC PREOCs – continue with your procurement as authorized and submit a claim for reimbursement through established EMBC processes • Effective the date of this notice, EAFs for PPE should include details showing how: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the PPE is part of items regularly consumed or introduced as a result of a public health requirement, ○ is incremental to baseline consumption and ○ establishes that the number of weeks being procured for does not exceed the duration of the provincial order. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective the date of this notice, PPE for health essential services are no longer eligible under this Policy 5.13. All requests for health essential services PPE should be directed to the Provincial Supply Chain Coordination Unit. • Fire and Police Department PPE is to be requested through Provincial Supply Chain Coordination Unit through a parallel process coordinated by the Fire Chiefs Association of BC and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General • EMBC will not reimburse the cost of counterfeit or substandard PPE acquired through separate government or agency procurement processes.

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<i>Costs associated with the organization of appropriately trained and equipped personnel, including volunteers, to meet the needs of vulnerable persons in isolation who are unable to access support networks.</i>	Food delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mileage reimbursement consistent with current provincial rates• Reasonable costs to contract an outside delivery service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchase of Food• Provision of food or other goods to NGO services (food bank, meals on wheels, etc.)• Direct funding of secondary NGO services
	Just-in-time training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reasonable costs to provide role training required for new staff/volunteers to respond to COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training not related to COVID-19 response